

Kruger et al. is vague and does not describe a trench, as Examiner construes. It is well known that pits, not trenches, are used for Kruger type storm chambers. Even if Kruger related to trenches, there is no suggestion of problem, of reason to select within the 4-8 foot range. Kruger discloses no distinction or difference within the 4-8 range, for any reason; whereas, applicant's specification how the 6 plus foot chambers are "the problem". Kruger's example is a chamber 7.5 to 8 feet (paragraph 0028). That tends to teach to the high end, away from the invention. Applicant's claims are based on a criticality and unexpected benefit within the Kruger range, as amply detailed in the specification, which would overcome a 35 USC 103 rejection, if such had been made. The emphasizes that, with respect to the 35 USC 102 rejection, each and every element of the claim 12 invention, including the preamble limitation, are not disclosed in Kruger (or other art of record).

Claims 19, 20, 21 and 25 have further novelty in the use of a chamber having a particular and novel flexibility factor property. Please see the arguments just below, about article claims.

Article claims

Claim 15 is amended to read on chambers having horizontal slots, consistent with claim 17; and to further define the stack-removal characteristics of the invention chamber, making the length critical. Claim 17 is also amended to more particularly characterize the problem which is solved by confining the length of the chamber to a particular short range.

Applicant does not claim just any chamber having particular lengths. An invention chamber, with reference to data provided in the application, has a hereto unknown combination of properties which results in and includes high flexibility factor. That creates stack-removal problems, which are solved by combining a critical short length, as detailed in the specification, e.g. at pages 3, 9.

Each and every feature of the inventions of claims 15 and 17 are not disclosed in the Kruger patent or other art. Applicant refers to his arguments about the method claims above. The dependent claims 16 and 25 should at least be allowed as preferred embodiments of the patentable invention of the parent claim.

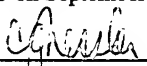
Wherefor, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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